

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Douglas Mueller on 6/8/2010.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 1 line 11 after "transition metal is Pd(II)" delete —.—

Claim 1 line 11 after "transition metal is Pd(II)" insert —, wherein the compound and the transition metal are included in a porous material.—

Claim 8 is cancelled.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 1-7 and 12-16 are allowed.

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The prior art of record fails to teach or fairly suggest a creatinine test piece with compound of formula (I) and palladium (II) in a porous material. The compound of formula (I) and palladium (II) creates a colored compound, where in the presence of creatinine goes colorless. This creatinine measurement allows for creatinine to be measured without the use of strong alkaline reagents, expensive enzymes, or a special facility for microdeterminations.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to DENNIS M. WHITE whose telephone number is (571)270-3747. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday, EST 8:00-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jill Warden can be reached on (571) 272-1267. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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